

hands of senior citizens care, as sons and daughters are being made accountable for taking care of their parents;

(b) if so, how Government will ensure that senior citizens get quick justice, as the pendency of civil and criminal cases in the country is really in an alarming state; and

(c) whether Government will set up Special Courts to decide such cases involving senior citizens, as they generally do not have extra funds to engage lawyers and attend the court hearing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The proposed Bill will address the issues concerning older persons including lack of support, provision of food and shelter, protection of life and property as also speedy justice.

### **Infrastructure for training of persons with disability**

526. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the infrastructure available in the country for training the people with different kinds of disability;

(b) whether five such proposed composite regional centers have been established; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Seven National Institutes and about 200 Institutions, recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) provide training to the persons with different kind of disabilities and also to their trainers. The required infrastructure is available with these Institutions.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Five Composite Regional Centres (CRCs) have been established one each at Sundernagar (Himachal Pradesh), Bhopal

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(Madhya Pradesh), Guwahati (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh).

**Rehabilitation of persons with spinal and orthopaedic disability**

527. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centres for rehabilitation of persons with spinal and orthopaedic disability in the country;

(b) whether four such regional centres have been set up; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Four Regional Rehabilitation Centres (RRCs) have been set up in the country one each at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, Mohali, Chandigarh, Cuttack, Orissa & Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. These Centres have been established with active participation of respective State Government and the Union Government. The objective of setting up these RRCs is rehabilitation basic management and follow up of the spinal injured. These centres provide facilities for O.P.D. and in patient physiotherapy, occupational therapy, orthotic engineering, orthotic pathology, spinal surgeries, post operative rehabilitation and operative and rehabilitation for traumatic paraplegia patients etc.

**Benefits from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation**

528. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: